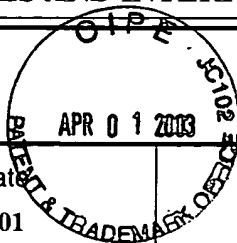


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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO
THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES (Small Entity)**

Docket No. **IDS-14502/14**

In Re Application Of: **Venegas, Jr.**



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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicant(s) hereby appeal(s) to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated **December 27, 2002** finally rejecting Claim(s) **2-9**

Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.

A verified statement of small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27:

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